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SUBJ: NEW MINISTER OF PLANNING NAMED

1. PRESIDENT BANZER NAMED FERNANDO PAZ BALDIVIESO AS NEW MINISTER-SECRETARY OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ECONOMICS AND PLANNING ON OCTOBER 9, REPLACING JULIO PRADO SALMON. PRADO SALMON HAD BEEN DISMISSED FROM HIS POST BY BANZER OCTOBER 5 FOLLOWING PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY PRADO ANNOUNCING HIS DIFFERENCES WITH FP SCHEME OF GOVERNMENT AND WITH PROPOSED "PACKAGE" OF NEW ECONOMIC MEASURES. SUBSEQUENT DISMISSAL OF PRADO FROM HIS POSITION AS HEAD OF MNR YOUTH, AND NAMING OF FORMER SUB-LEADER OF PARTY YOUTH SERGIO OTERO TO THAT POST, HAS OCCASIONED SPLIT WITHIN RANKS OF MNR YOUTH MOVEMENT, WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING MEDIATED BY PARTY SUB-CHIEF CIRO HUMBOLDT.

2. NEW MINISTER OF PLANNING WAS NAMED FROM HIS FORMER POST AS SUB-SECRETARY OF PLANNING IN SAME MINISTRY. A 36-YEAR OLD NATIVE OF TARIJA, HE FORMERLY WAS AN ADVISOR IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE. AMERICAN OFFICIALS WHO HAVE DEALT WITH PAZ DESCRIBE HIM AS A POLICY-ORIENTED ADMINISTRATOR RATHER THAN A TECHNICIAN; HE
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CARRIED THE MAJOR BURDEN OF ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES IN CONEPLAN WHILE

PRADO SALMON WAS MINISTER. PAZ IS A GOOD ADMINISTRATOR WHO DELEGATES DECISIONS ON TECHNICAL MATTERS WITH WHICH HE IS UNFAMILIAR TO QUALIFIED SUBORDINATES. CHARMING, DIRECT IN MANNER AND A GOOD LISTENER, HE HAS MAINTAINED VERY AMICABLE RELATIONS WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS WITH WHOM HE HAS DEALT ON OFFICIAL MATTERS. PAZ IS REPORTEDLY

A DISTANT RELATION TO VICTOR PAZ ESTENSSORO; A MEMBER OF THE MNR, HE IS THOUGHT TO DEVOTE MOST OF HIS TIME TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS RATHER THAN TO PARTY AFFAIRS. HE SPEAKS NO ENGLISH.
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